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The Near East Conflict Between Communism and Democracy

The complete text of an address recently delivered by the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, Kamil Bey Abdul Rahim, at Princeton University . . . and placed in the Congressional Record by Representative Ed Gossett of Texas.

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL for your kind invitation to open the discussion on the question of how the people of the Near East feel with regard to the conflict between East and West. The keen interest in the Near East manifested by this Country in recent years is most reassuring to those of us who are anxious to encourage closer co-operation between it and the western democracies.

This subject of discussion is certainly of great importance, especially at this moment when the Near East is a hot spot in world politics. From the Indian Ocean to the shores of the Atlantic, from the Caspian Sea to the Arabian Desert, the political atmosphere is heavily charged. It is no exaggeration to say that if we regard Europe as a tinder box of possible world war, the Near East must be regarded as a great smoldering volcano.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA DISCUSSED

Here I would like to define the area of the Near East. When I speak of the Near East in this paper I mean the Arab countries of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria and

Iraq, as well as Iran. I add to this area North Africa — Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco — although geographically they are nearer to Europe. Racially, religiously, and socially these countries are related to and form a part of the Near East.

I exclude Turkey from the discussion because Turkey has more or less associated herself with Europe and this alliance is further strengthened by its participation in the European Council and its possible admittance into the North Atlantic Pact Organization. Turkey's present situation is quite different from that of the other countries of the Near East. It receives economic and military help from the Western Powers. The other people of the Near East, who have always been connected with Turkey are happy that it is receiving this aid, which it deserves, as they consider it a bulwark against communism.

IMPORTANCE AND VULNERABILITY OF THE AREA

The Near East, as I define it, has a population of about 100,000,000. It is not an area merely of oriental costumes and glamour, of soft music, of roman-

tic deserts, of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, as some motion pictures have so vividly presented it.

It is a land of great historical past, of vital strategic importance, and of awakening nations struggling to achieve liberty and a greater measure of democracy. It is a land of great potentialities and natural resources. It has the world's largest oil pool and rich deposits of phosphate, magnesium, and potash.

Its strategic importance has always been recognized and was amply demonstrated in World Wars I and II. The North African coast from the Atlantic to Suez is so naturally protected by two seas and extensive deserts that it is considered by strategists as indispensable for the defense of Europe. The present situation in Iran is focusing attention on the strategic importance of this area. The testimony of General Bradley before the Joint Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee bears witness to that.

The name of the Near East is synonymous with Islam. Islam is a democratic religion based on the freedom of the individual and on the principle of liberty, equality, and justice for all, regardless of race or station in life.

While communism is based on the abolition of private property, the economic policy of Islam is based on the maintenance of private property. While communism abolishes the right of inheritance, Islam upholds this right and provides precise rules to regulate it.

The people of the Near East are staunch believers in God and for this reason they do not fear the loss of their livelihood; they have a deep-rooted feeling that God cares for all and that He is the only Giver. They also believe that Almighty God in His great wisdom has distributed wealth and the amenities of life amongst the people and that while they should work and toil for gain and security they should also not covet what others have. Society in the Near East, both Moslem and Christian, is built upon these principles.

An area with such great potentialities can certainly be a mighty bulwark against communism. Yet these potentialities remain neglected by the West, and no attempt is being made to use Islam as a spiritual weapon against communism.

What makes this neglect lamentable is the fact that the area is extremely vulnerable. And the Communists, who obviously covet the Near East, know

One should remember, while reading this article, that shortly before Senator McCarthy began his exposures on the Senate floor . . . the State Department sent representatives into the Near East for the purpose of helping deliver those countries to Russia according to the plan previously used in China.

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Missionary Prospects In The Near East

By M. Lawrence Ryan

THIRTY-SIX MILES south of London on the highway that leads to the English Channel, stands a unique school — the International Bible Training Institute, founded and directed by Rev. Frederick H. Squire, a dynamic personality sanctified with a broad vision of missionary evangelism.

Mr. Squire places emphasis upon the word *International* because he specializes in bringing students from different countries for training in the art of soul-winning. Thereafter they return home, equipped to preach, teach and organize Churches.

Having labored for 27 years as a missionary in the Near East, I am gratified that he has included the Arabs among those deserving of special concern.

An American journalist recently called on Mr. Squire at Sussex, England (where the Institute is located) and wrote an article which was published in *Time* magazine. I quote:

"In the front room of a sprawling, Neo-Tudor house in the English village of Burgess Hill one night last week, a husky young man and woman from the Soviet zone of Germany, a coffee-skinned youth from India, a trim girl

from Finland, and a swarthy boy from France, were hard at work studying the Bible.

"In the chapel at the rear of the house, a music class was in progress; a Berliner was at the piano, an English girl played the viola; a boy from Silesia whittled away at the violin.



REV. FREDERICK H. SQUIRE

In a small side room a pink-cheeked Yugoslav and chubby Hollander were boning up on the Epistles. The International Bible Training Institute was beginning its fourth year.

"Candidates for the Institute must be young, healthy and devout, with some musical ability (to back up hymn-singing). Those who are unable to pay the \$400 all-inclusive fee for a two-year course are taken free of charge with pocket money included. So far, only two of the Institute's 60 alumni have strayed from the evangelistic fold."

Mr. Squire is making a special effort to get students from behind the iron curtain and train them to take the Gospel back to Communist areas. Every volunteer for this service knows that he has ahead of him a hazardous task. Three Soviet-zone Germans are currently enrolled.

"We have only begun to fight for Christianity behind the iron curtain," says Mr. Squire. "What Europe needs is a spiritual Marshall Plan."

As indicated above, I am particularly intrigued by Mr. Squire's program because of his love for Arab peoples, who have been sadly neglected by western Churches and missionary societies.

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Another voice, lifted in behalf of the sons of Ishmael, is that of Rev. Ralph Fried, who has devoted many years to missionary work in the Near East. He narrates scores of instances where Arabs have responded to the Gospel because he was able to take it to them.

There is a virile, minority group of sound converts among these people. Our Lord has a "little flock" in the Near East. But, as Mr. Fried explains, there is much in that part of the world which passes for Christianity, but is not Christianity at all.

He says: "This is the challenge which meets the missionary in Bible lands — the challenge of backslidden Judaism that turned from the truth of the Gospel; of corrupt, bigoted Christianity that makes void the truth of the Gospel; of fanatical, ruthless Islam that denies the truth of the Gospel ...

"The task of evangelizing the Near East is still ahead. What has been done is a mere beginning. Of the millions of Arabs living in lands where Gospel preaching is permitted, only a small percentage have had the opportunity of hearing the message of salvation through Christ."

"But the work of the Lord goes on. He is gathering out a people for His Name from the Arabs. Time is short. The unfinished task demands speedy re-enforcements."

I share Mr. Fried's aversion to what he aptly calls *bigoted Christianity*. Reference is made to such groups who have made Arab proselytes as Greek Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Maronites, Assyrian Orthodox, Assyrian Catholics, Copts and others — none of which can be consistently regarded as Christian, in the New Testament sense.

But over against this hydra-headed thing, parading in the name of Christianity, is the encouraging fact that souls are being saved and indigenous Churches established, even if not in large numbers.

At this point, I would like to share with the *Defender Family* a piece of writing by Mr. Squire's in the nature of a report which he prepared, telling of his trip to Trans-Jordan shortly before

the assassination of King Abdullah. This is what he writes:

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM of Jordan, better known to many as Trans-Jordan, comprised the Bible lands of Moab and Edom, Ammon and Gilead, besides some desert land to the east.

The Partition Plan and the Arab-Jewish War has, however changed the situation somewhat so that today part of Palestine is included in the Kingdom and it is the part that includes most of the Holy places such as old Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Jericho, Jordan and other such places.

The Capital of Jordan is Amman, which contains the King's Palace, and was once the Capital of the Ammonites, mentioned in the Bible as Rabbath-Ammon. This city was captured by David in 1000 B.C. and it was during that time that David committed his sin against Uriah the Hittite.

Today, Amman has a population of over 40,000 people, mainly Moslems. It was from this city that we traveled towards the Holy Land and came to Jordan and Jericho and later to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

During our brief stay in Jericho we were graciously received, in audience by His Majesty King Abdullah, direct descendant of the Prophet Mohammed. I was greatly impressed by the warmth of the welcome we received from His Majesty, who was the acme of courtesy and graciousness. His untimely death came as a distinct shock to me a few days later.

I was also impressed by the very uplifting philosophy of the King's conversation and one felt that one was in the presence of a Monarch whose great desire was to encourage peace and justice in the world today.

At the close of our conversations I was permitted to arrange a photograph and His Majesty then invited us to dine with him at the Royal Winter Palace near Jericho.

I thought as we journeyed in that wonderful land, of so many of the things that had happened there in the days of the Lord. I thought of the story of the Good Samaritan on the Jericho road — but we visited a Refugee

Camp on that same road with about 28,000 suffering people. Together with the District Officer of Jericho and in company with the police, we inspected this horrible Camp, one of many throughout the Middle East today.

We saw as many as twelve Arab people living in a room about the size of a small bathroom, with no ventilation save the opening for a door. The blankets were falling to pieces. The nights were very frosty and cold.

These suffering people, demoralized after two years of such conditions, are in terrible danger. They are just a few of the thousands throughout the Middle East (850,000 in all) who are suffering in this way and are living almost like animals. Thousands are living in caves in the mountain-sides.

These are more than just wandering nomads. Many of them have lost good homes and business property that has been theirs for years.

The great need of Arabs today is that provision shall be made immediately for them to get to work. Relief is not enough, although it is required. They have got to learn to live again and it is up to the outside world to help them.

The U. N. should take steps to see that this is done and that money given is used for that purpose, and not for administration and cars and other expenses to the extent that it has been until now. Men and women and children are in danger of dying and the need is for a big "Good Samaritan Effort" at once!

Practical Christianity is called for here, and we should be doers of the Word, not hearers only. In the Land of our Lord, thousands of Arabs for whom he died are hungry, suffering, dying ... "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these ... ye did it unto me."

(This brings Mr. Squire's report to a close.)

Supplementing all that you have just read, I now quote from a letter written by a Christian worker in Palestine, post dated July 24, 1951:

"I have been back about a month. At first I was so depressed about condi-

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tions here that I was unable to write. I had hoped that during my almost two years absence, the United Nations would have arrived at some decision about Palestine.

"Nothing has been accomplished; conditions are even worse. Thousands of refugees are still under canvas, in hovels and caves. Relief agencies give them pitifully small rations, just enough to keep body and soul together.

"The high morale of these Arab people is being ruined by their getting something for nothing. They are called lazy. The fact is that they were hard working, frugal people tilling their fields, orchards and vineyards until they were forcibly removed by the invading Israel army.

"The barbed wire entanglements, marking no man's land, are just across the street from the American Colony. We can hear and see the Jews on the other side, and wonder when they will take it into their heads to come across. I feel extremely sorry for the better class Christian and Moslem Arabs, who, under the British mandate held responsible positions in Government and business.

"These people were educated in our Christian schools, and lived gracious lives. Now they are destitute, having lost everything in the division of Jerusalem. The Jews occupy their houses and have appropriated their belongings.

"Jerusalem has been thrown into a panic because of the assassination of King Abdullah as he was entering the Mosque, el Acca for noon prayers last Friday.

"Martial law was imposed with 12 hours' curfew. The market and all shops have been closed, and it has been difficult to get food. Many arrests have taken place and wild rumors fly. When I think of the mess the so-called Christians have made of the Near East, especially Palestine, I am ashamed."

If the Near East is to be the cockpit of an impending Armageddon as many students of Bible prophecy believe, then it behooves us to snatch as many souls garbed in Arabic flesh as possible, like brands from the burning.

It must be admitted that many prophetic treatises have been written, down across the years, anticipating the very developments which we are today witnessing in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and the Suez area.


Russia, represented as Gog in Ezekiel 38, is expected to launch an invasion. Dr. Winrod says that the red hordes, and the seat of their government (Moshch, Moscow, according to Ezekiel),

are destined to be burned with atomic fire according to Ezekiel 38:22.

Thereafter, one man known as Antichrist will arise — "whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

History, important history, is today being written in a part of the world,

to which I devoted the best 27 years of my life. I pray, and I ask *Defender* readers to join me ... that the Holy Spirit shall dissolve opposition to the Gospel and bring in a harvest of precious souls in Near East countries before the present perilous age draws to a close.



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MY TEXT is a brief statement found in the heart of a very precious portion of divine revelation. In Titus 3:5 we read, "He saved us."

Because this letter was addressed to Titus, Paul undoubtedly had reference to himself and Titus when he used the pronoun "us." Both of them had found Christ — Paul on the Damascus highway and Titus as a result of the preaching of Paul. The apostle referred to Titus as "mine own son after the common faith."

It is a blessed testimony when a person can say, "He saved me." The way in which God saves is fully revealed in this chapter.

While this epistle consists of but three chapters, it overflows with glorious truths regarding the grace of God and His saving and keeping power.

Of this book Dean Farrar wrote: "It is the priceless and unrivaled manual of pastoral advice."

Titus was a splendid and energetic young preacher, who had been left by Paul on the Island of Crete, to set in order the various Churches which had been established, and to confirm them in the faith. Crete, the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, is a body of land some 156 miles long, made famous by the fact that it possessed about one hundred cities in Paul's day.

Here Titus was to preach and minister to Churches which were full of life and at the same time full of disorder. They stood in need of instruction and development, and upon this fine young fellow fell the responsibility of working in their midst.

INTRODUCING A MASTERPIECE

A masterpiece is anything done or made with extraordinary skill, that may be looked upon as a real achievement. Leonardo da Vinci is thought by some

to be the greatest genius who ever lived, for the reason that he seemed to have equal talent for architecture, sculpture, painting, music and poetry, not to mention his skill as an inventor and diplomat... but the world knows him best as a painter.

He painted only two pictures regarded as distinctly religious, but these have enriched sacred art for all time. They are the "Last Supper" and the "Madonna of the Lily."

Though the "Madonna" has wonderful grace and beauty and lofty devotional expression, the "Last Supper" takes the higher rank. No scene in the life of Christ has been represented with more feeling and reverence than this one. The picture is spoken of the world over as a masterpiece, and rightly so.

The universe is God's masterpiece from the standpoint of His Creatorhood. The salvation which He has provided for us in Christ is His masterpiece from the viewpoint of His Saviourhood.

Paul wrote: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10) The word "workmanship" may be translated "masterpiece,"

and indeed every born-again person is a masterpiece of the saving work of God.

The section of the letter with which we are concerned is Titus 3:3-8. We will discover it is a masterpiece in the gallery of divine revelation, a supreme achievement on the part of the Holy Spirit in unfolding the glorious plan of salvation. Each stroke of the divine artist's brush adds some important feature to this picture. Seven marvelous, miraculous strokes paint this never-to-be effaced production.

First, the Holy Spirit speaking through Paul the human author, sets before us

THE NEED OF SALVATION

There would be no use urging men to be saved, if they did not need salvation. Paul begins by pointing out how there was a time in their unregenerate state when he and Titus were foolish, disobedient and deceived, living after the flesh so that they hated one another.

What was true of these two remarkable Christian characters before their conversion, is true of all men out of Christ. "For we ourselves also were sometimes (once R.V.) foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another." (verse 3)

The Holy Spirit is declaring the depraved condition of all men out of Christ. It is not a pleasant picture, yet a true one of human nature. It leaves no room for the "divine spark" theory which is the basis of so much teaching now extant.

Exponents of the "fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man" theory, declare we are born with God in us, but the Holy Spirit points out that we are born with the devil in us. *Total deprav-*



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ity is the verdict of the Word relative to human nature. This was not only true of human nature in Paul's time, but of ours also. Human nature has not changed. With all of our boasted civilization and culture, corruption abounds in man and he stands in need of a new heart.

Whether Paul is addressing the cultured Corinthians, the worldly-wise Ephesians, or the Jews, the condition is the same. He wrote, "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin." (Romans 3:9) Then he comes to that climactic statement, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Nothing in the old generation can be salvaged. It is all under sin and contaminated to such an extent that man needs to become a new creation before he can be made acceptable for God's presence.

The doctrine of the total depravity of human nature is not a popular one today. It is ruled out of many places. Nevertheless it is the solemn declaration of Scripture, and men do well when they realize their need and turn to Christ Jesus for redemption. The next stroke of the divine artist's brush reveals

THE ORIGIN OF SALVATION

This is made luminously clear in the statement: "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared." (verse 4) The salvation of which we speak has its origin in "the kindness and love of God."

It begins in heaven, in eternity and with God. Man, being a sinner, is utterly helpless to do anything for himself. Paul pointed out to the Ephesian saints that before they found Christ they "were dead in trespasses and sins," and this being the case, all are excluded from a salvation-by-works plan. If it were possible for a dead man to work, then his deeds would be classified as "dead works" and rejected before God.

There is nothing dead in the realm of heaven. Jonah's theology should be recognized by all of us. He cried out from the belly of the great sea mon-

ster, "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9) This seems to be a hard truth for men to grasp. They imagine salvation is of man, and that if one lives up to the Golden Rule or to the principles of his lodge, he will be saved in the end.

If Jonah was right, and we believe with Paul that he was, then salvation is not of man: It is of the Lord. The text we are emphasizing states, "He saved us," and into this simple statement is crowded the whole scheme of divine redemption. We need to let the emphasis fall upon the pronoun "He."

Such teaching as this is contrary to the thinking of the natural man. It is his natural bent to imagine there is *something he can do* that will merit God's salvation. If this is the case, Jonah was wrong. No matter how man feels about it, the entire Bible backs up the statement that "salvation is of the Lord."

I am glad the "kindness and love of God . . . appeared." These blessed attributes were not concealed in heaven but revealed on earth, and not to a particular class of people, but to all men. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," and according to the Rotherham rendition, the kindness and love of God toward man has "shown forth."

Let us not be so vain in our imagination, as to think there is anything we can do toward saving ourselves. Let Jonah speak once more, "Salvation is of the Lord." We look again at the masterpiece and discover

THE MEANS OF SALVATION

It is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." (verse 5) The means is the grace of God, as manifested by His mercy. As there are inconceivable distances in astronomy, so the mercy of God is inconceivable—limitless and boundless. The thought of its greatness paralyzes powers of utterance.

If God did not show mercy toward us, what hope would there be? No man can be saved independently of the mercy of God. It was through a desire to be independent of God that man fell, and ever since his fall he has evidenced the same independence. He has the hardihood to feel that he

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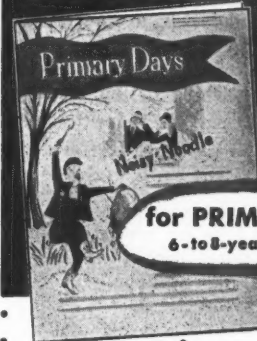
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possesses in himself the ability to get back to his Creator.

In reality, he must rely upon divine mercy. In his terrible sinfulness and rebellion he deserves to be stricken down. "But," Paul wrote, "according to his mercy he saved us." We ought to learn the meaning of the hymn we sing,

*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.*

The natural inclination of man is to change those precious words and make them say, "Something in my hand I bring." When this is done, we cannot cling to the Cross. We have a tendency to cling to what we bring, and offer it to God for merit. Another glimpse of this masterful unfolding of the plan of God for man's redemption will reveal

THE AGENT OF SALVATION

The divine agent in our salvation is none other than the Holy Spirit. "He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." (verse 5)

The "washing and renewing" express two vital phases of the work of the Spirit in our salvation. No one was ever saved apart from the Holy Spirit. This being the case, how foolish to speak of Him as being a mere "influence" as some are prone to do! He is the third Person of the Godhead and the One who gives us the "washing," or as the Revised Version renders it, the "bath" of regeneration.

The first generation was of the flesh. The regeneration is of the Spirit. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and (even) of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)

The "renewing" is likewise a work of the Spirit and conveys the idea of a new creation. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away;

behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17). Just as *creation* was a miracle, so *recreation* is a miracle. It takes nothing short of a supernatural act of God to bring us to the place where we can say with Paul, "He saved us."

A miracle is the touch of God. What He touches is instantaneously transformed. Life springs out of death, and light drives away darkness. The next aspect in this glorious heavenly picture reveals

THE BASIS OF SALVATION

We see this in the words, "which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." (verse 6) All of God's actions in salvation toward mankind are dependent upon the Saviour. The work of Christ stands at the center of the scheme of redemption.

One of the ancient church fathers said: "Were the highest heavens my pulpit, and the whole hosts of the redeemed my audience, and eternity my day, Jesus alone would be my text." The saint of old had a right understanding of the Gospel. There is no Gospel and no message apart from Christ Jesus. He is the foundation and the capstone and all else besides. He bore witness of Himself to this effect: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending."

It is interesting to note how the whole Trinity is woven into the salvation masterpiece, and this is as it should be for the Godhead is involved in saving the soul.

God the Father so loved that He gave; God the Son so loved that He died; and God the Spirit so loved that He imparted. To deny the existence of the Trinity is to destroy the plan of salvation revealed to us in the Word. Another glimpse at this exquisitely painted picture will show

THE RESULT OF SALVATION

"That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Phillips renders this passage: "The result is that we are acquitted by his grace, and can look forward to inheriting life for evermore."

What glorious riches belong to every saved soul — justified, declared right-

eous, made heirs with Jesus Christ, and possessors of eternal life! It would be impossible for any one to come into possession of such riches through any effort of his own. They are a gift from God which may be claimed by faith.

God will not force them upon any one. He offers them to such as see their need and poverty-smitten condition, and receives them as a gift from Himself, fully paid for by the redemptive work of Christ upon the Cross.

We lost everything in the first Adam but all is regained, and infinitely more, in the last Adam. Now it is written: "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17) Finally we observe as we gaze upon the wondrous production

THE PURPOSE OF SALVATION

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."

God has not called any of us to a life of idleness, but to usefulness. Before He bids us serve Him, He puts us in the place where we can do so. He then expects us to maintain good works. We are saved to work!

Every Christian is "to be careful" about this business of Christian service. We are to be careful that we serve according to His will and in the power of His Spirit. Fleshly energy is of no value and produces nothing pleasing to Him. We must be careful to put first things first, and place the emphasis where God would have us. Many are like the Jews of old who had a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. All was wasted effort, and this we are "to be careful" to avoid.

The final stroke summarizes the story. We read: "These things are good and profitable unto men." Knowing this, every Christian should be faithful in the declaration of the Gospel message, and every sinner should make sure of the way of salvation and by faith walk therein. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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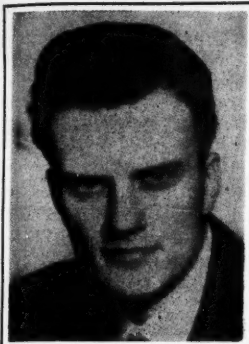
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THREE ALTERNATIVES

By

Evangelist Billy Graham

MILLIONS in the Western World are asking themselves the question: "What does the future hold for me? What lies just ahead? Are we facing peace or war — prosperity or adversity? What is to be the next act in the great human drama?"

Everyone seems to agree that a terrible catastrophe lies just ahead. But what? And from which direction will it come? Selfishness seems to have gripped the entire human race. The worst that is in man is now manifesting itself. A spirit of greed and lust for power dominates human hearts. We wonder if the abyss has not already been opened to release its myriads of demons for the ruin of man both nationally and individually. Thousands, anxious and perplexed, are asking the question — What next?

As we look in retrospect today, we are convinced that the church has been amazingly asleep in her golden hour of opportunity. Not since the Battle of Tours in 1732 when Charles Martel saved Europe from Mohammedanism, has Christianity faced such an onslaught that threatens to completely wipe out all semblance of the Christian Church — a church busy with its bickerings, backbitings, name-calling, divisions and strifes — a church busy with oiling its tremendous organizations and machinery.

As Bishop Arthur Moore told me in Atlanta, Georgia, we are like firemen trying to put out a fire, but we are standing with fire hoses, arguing about who should put more water on the fire when no water at all is coming out of the hose! Some firemen are

standing near the blaze arguing about what color hats we should wear into the fight.

Dr. Harold Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church in Boston, was preaching in Poland a few years ago. After the service an intelligent Polish man approached him to learn the contents of the Christian message. He was thinking of his country and its future. He summed up the situation thus: Communism bids for Poland; Christianity also challenges Poland. Which ever makes its message a flame of fire will win.

In the face of such a remark our hearts fail, for Christianity seemingly has lost her flame. The early church was so boiling hot, so fervent in spirit, that she boiled over into the whole Roman Empire and the then known world within a few years. Christianity may be losing her day in America because she refuses to boil. The fires of the Reformation have all but flickered out, leaving a great religious desolation of tombs and ashes and dead men's bones in many places.

Yet there are encouraging signs that lead us to believe that millions of Americans are beginning to turn to God. During the past year revivals have broken out on college and university campuses, great cities have been swept by city-wide campaigns, and literally thousands have been ushered into the Kingdom of God. Many of our national leaders have called us to revival. There are stirrings here and there that we have not seen in over a generation. Perhaps the church is beginning to awaken.

Sin is the root of our troubles and difficulties, and during the past year many have turned from sin to Christ, from darkness to light, and found victory, conquest and faith. All this leads us to believe that faith is not yet dead on earth.

The mistakes, failures and sins of the past are on the record books to await the day of judgment and reckoning when every man shall give an account before Almighty God. What lies ahead? Danger lurks behind every corner. Tragedy stares us straight in the face. The thunder of the four horses of the Apocalypse can be heard drawing ever closer — the red horse of war, the black horse of famine, the pale horse of death and hell which followed him. As we stand at this fateful hour, America, I offer you three alternatives, and only three.

First — anarchy and war. Everything that is happening to China and Europe could happen here. Governments perilously weakened by war, inflation, economic corruption undermined by a steady barrage of propaganda within and without — so came Communism to China.

"Fantastic for America!" you say. So was Communism fantastic to thinking Chinese ten years ago. They said, "It is not compatible with the Chinese mind nor our way of life." Yet it came in the wake of economic collapse and diplomatic betrayal, in spite of the fact that probably eighty per cent of the people did not want it. Moral, economic and spiritual collapse in America will bring about anarchy if not arrested by revival. It will leave a political vacuum for Communism to move in and take over. I do not fear the landing of Communist troops on our shores nor the bombing of our cities this year, but I am tremendously concerned about the mad plunge that America is taking at this moment morally and spiritually.

The *Second* alternative I offer to the American people at this moment is a spiritual awakening and an old-fashioned revival of faith in the blood-sprinkled way of Calvary. Revivals

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The Bible says, "Ye have not because ye ask not." How our hearts are stirred with longing as we read of the great revivals of yesterday. Of every revival

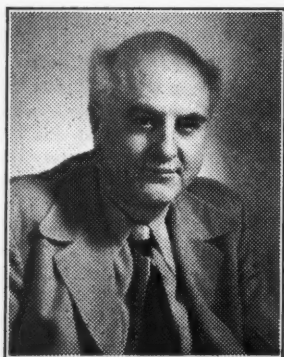
it can be said, "This is an indication of the power of God." Where is the soul anguish of yesteryear, the wounded conscience, the groaning of deep conviction?

America, I challenge you at this hour to a spiritual revival. More than bullets, guns and bombs — this could be America's protection, and by the sign of the cross we could conquer as did Constantine of old.

The *Third* alternative that I offer

to the American people is the glorious, blessed hope of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. His last promise was, "Surely, I come quickly."

I do not know when Christ will return, but of this one thing I am certain as I read the Word of God, He is planning to come back, and God has set a date at which time His Son is to come and set up a world-wide reign. Hope burns eternal within the breast of every Christian that our Lord is coming soon.



THE MORAL INFLUENCE OF THE BIBLE

A Defender Hour Broadcast

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

I AM ASKING you to think at this time about a Book that has stood the wear and tear of the centuries. The one Book that has commanded the respect and adoration of enlightened people in every age!

Persons who regard the Bible as being supernaturally inspired above and beyond all other literature have no reason to apologize for their faith. The Bible has been subjected to the most severe tests but remains the one incomparable Book of history.

It reveals all that we need to know about life, death and life after death. It claims for itself final authority respecting the duties and obligations of men toward God. It places moral restraint upon those who read its pages with reverence, and this builds strength of character. A man's conscience cannot remain dormant and inactive very long if he reads the Word of God.

Because of man's sinful state, the demands of the Bible frequently run

counter to his natural desires. This causes him to rebel against its exhortations. Rejection of high moral authority could be expected in a world filled with selfishness, greed and lust.

OUR DEBT TO THE BIBLE

Western civilization was built upon moral precepts laid down in God's Word. Good government can exist only where men accept standards of decent behavior and try conscientiously to regulate their lives according to this pattern.

All that is good in our western life can be traced to the influence of this Book. It was the Bible, in the hands and hearts of common people, that insured social, political, moral and spiritual progress.

Luther in Germany, Calvin in France, Knox in Scotland, Wycliffe in England, dispelled the darkness of the middle ages by expounding the great truths of an open Bible.

A closed Bible is helpless to effect reforms, vitalize conscience or safeguard moral and spiritual foundations. It needs to be opened, read and studied. It deserves a prominent place at every fireside. It needs to be turned loose!

Constitutional democracy has made progress through the centuries and established great institutions because material prosperity has been accompanied by moral restraint. Our founding fathers discovered in the Bible a durable code for national morality.

LIBERAL CHURCHMEN RESPONSIBLE

But we are today witnessing a radical change — and not for the better!

We are witnessing a tragic departure from God's Word. A right appreciation of moral values is being lost. The Bible is not being read, studied and given its rightful place in the home, in the office and in the hearts of our people.

There are many and varied reasons

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for the present decrease of reverence for the Book. One that stands out above others is the fact that many Church leaders, ministers of the Gospel, have lost their faith. They have been betrayed into believing it to be a mark of intelligence to question its validity.

The Bible has become a lost Book to many Churches, lost as the authenticated and authoritative Word of God. Unfortunately, the ecclesiastical liberal often stands between the Bible and the people. Many congregations never hear a real Gospel sermon.

America is losing a sense of moral values, because it is losing respect for the source of all morality — the supernaturally inspired Word of God. There will have to come a rebuilding of the national character or America will go as past civilizations have gone.

Professor Toynbee has traced the fall of ancient civilizations to the undermining of moral fiber. The more that nations have prospered in material things, the greater has become their temptation to minimize moral values.

Mass immorality was the result. And this was followed, in every instance says Professor Toynbee, with physical collapse and the disappearance of that nation from the historical scene.

This is the way that past civilizations have gone. Moral collapse has preceded economic, political and military collapse. Will America be able to reverse the order? History is hanging out a red lantern, warning us of danger ahead. Will we heed that warning? Time will tell. Our Country is today in the valley of decision.

Two roads are open before us.

One is the wide open road of loose living, drinking, dissipation, dangerous habits and debauchery that leads to destruction.

The other is a straight and narrow road, laid out according to old-fashioned standards of morality which build character and produce security — personal security and national security.

MORAL STRENGTH

Bible study keeps the conscience alive and sensitive. Every member of my

listening audience should resolve to read at least one chapter a day.

I know a prominent industrial leader who attributes his success in business to the fact that he has, during his entire adult life, made it a practice to read a portion of God's Word the first thing every morning, even before opening the newspaper. He says that this habit gives him moral strength and spiritual balance for the duties and problems of the day. The Bible always brings the best in a man to the surface.

Christianity, with its strong emphasis on moral values, is rooted in the Bible. This explains the growth and endurance of Christ's Cause despite opposition.

Depraved men naturally revolt against moral authority. This has resulted in a great deal of persecution for believers in God's Word and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Early Christians set a high and unprecedented standard of moral conduct. The clean lives, the separated lives which they lived, made them seem peculiar against the background of pagan environment. This caused them to be hated. But the blood of martyrs became the seed of the Church.

The Roman Empire organized and executed ten systematic attacks upon Christianity. This was anticipated in Revelation 2:10 where we read: "Ye shall have tribulation ten days."

The Bible came through each ordeal stronger than before. Christianity resisted every wave of persecution successfully because it was supported by a supernatural Book.

HAS STOOD EVERY TEST

The Bible has survived the fire test of hate. Like the bush that startled Moses in the desert, it "burned with fire and was not consumed." It has come out of every furnace of persecution more resplendent than before.

The Bible has also survived the acid test by meeting every conceivable objection. It has triumphed over higher criticism, rationalism and skepticism.

✓ A manifesto signed by 617 leading British scientists, expressing faith in the inspiration of the Bible, was de-

posited in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University a few years ago.

The document denied that discoveries of modern science cast any doubt whatsoever upon the validity of God's Word. These scientists pointed out that scientific achievement still remains incomplete, but as knowledge increases the parallelism between the book of nature and the Book of books becomes more and more evident.

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leaders of scientific thought regarded the Bible as being inspired in the sense that other literature was not inspired. Now I shall try to define the meaning of the term inspiration.

SUPERNATURAL INSPIRATION

The word "inspiration" appears only twice in the Bible. Both passages refer to the action of the Spirit of God upon the spirit of man. Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty, giveth them understanding." II Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Jesus accepted the fact of inspiration. Here are His words: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, but to fulfill. Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

The Master is saying that down to smallest details the Bible is an inspired Book. The word "jot" comes to us from *iota* in the original Greek, and means literally the smallest part of anything. The word "tittle" is derived from a Greek word that means something infinitesimal and shaped like a horn.

In using the term "tittle," Jesus had in mind the tiny lines that appear at the base of certain letters. Consistency demands that His statement be interpreted as a clear reference to the absolute accuracy of the Scriptures, down to the smallest details.

THREE SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE

Human beings have three ways for acquiring knowledge, represented by a trinity of r's: Reason, Research and Revelation.

First, Reason.

This method is narrowed down to the orbit of the five senses. Knowledge acquired through Reason is purely intellectual. It comes by comparison. We know that one is one, because we can compare it with two. We know that white is white, because we can compare it with black. And so on.

Men philosophize in the realm of Reason. The philosopher asks questions about the mysteries of life and his answers are confined to human levels. He wishes to know if there is a purpose in human existence. What is the goal of life?

The philosophical method of reasoning starts by surveying the sum total of knowledge that man possesses with regard to a given subject. Then by analysis it tries to find a basic fact, or principle, to use in evolving a system of rational thought. The philosopher assumes a threefold premise.

a. That the universe is a physical fact and as such invites study.

b. That man possesses a mind which in some unexplained way makes him bigger than the universe of which he is a part.

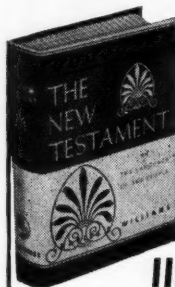
c. That somewhere there is a principle which if found will explain the unity and purpose of the universe. There are three kinds of philosophers.

The materialist who insists that matter is the ultimate fact of the universe. Mind is understood to be an emanation of matter.

The idealist who places mind above things physical.

The theist who believes in the existence of a transcendent God.

Now let these facts linger in your mind while we turn to the second method of acquiring knowledge, namely through Research.



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Imagination plays a large part in this field. The scientist often visualizes far in advance discoveries that do not materialize until later. Speculation is therefore legitimate, provided the scientist discriminates between his facts and his theories.

He may be on an entirely wrong track in his speculation, and should therefore avoid presenting hypothesis as fact. That's where the followers of Charles Darwin made their mistake!

Not until a law in nature is definitely demonstrated does theory become fact.

A scientist may work for years on an experiment. When the task is finished and the rule of nature understood, someone else can trace his steps, comply with the same law and get the same results.

I remarked a few minutes ago that there are three ways for acquiring knowledge. Three r's. Reason, Research and Revelation. I have commented upon the first two. We come now to the third.

REVELATION

The Bible is a book of Revelation. The men who wrote it relied upon neither Reason nor Research. Their source of knowledge transcended the five senses. They were in contact with the Spirit of God.

We are told in I Corinthians 2:10-11, that, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

The word Revelation means "to uncover or reveal." The word Inspiration means, "breathed in." The Bible was breathed into the minds of those who wrote the original manuscripts.

It is the only Book ever written under divine inspiration. This fact makes it unlike all other literature. The men who wrote the Scriptures were overshadowed by a higher power, a higher intelligence, than they possessed within themselves. They were recipients of a supernatural inflow. A special message was breathed into the consciousness of each writer. Consequently, the Bible has always carried enlightenment wherever it has gone.

The Christian Scriptures are so unlike other writings — their creative power so far-reaching, their message so helpful, that no man can hope to attain

his highest and best in this life without a knowledge of their contents.

They reveal the plan of salvation. They search the heart of the reader. They illuminate the mind. They bring the conscience under control. They place moral restraint where restraint is needed. They unfold the future through

their prophecies. They contain the very words which the divine Saviour uttered in the days of His flesh.

This is Gerald B. Winrod emphasizing the importance of Bible study . . . and until this same time tomorrow night and these same stations saying, May God bless you all.



WASHINGTON REPORT

By Upton Close

HELLO Defender readers. This is Upton Close reporting from Capitol Hill.

We are in summer dog days when Twentieth Century wars start. But these wars break out only if there are compelling political reasons on both sides to fight.

Russia seems to have no real reason to fight. Stalin still has us on the defensive. We are not pressing him anywhere in a way that hurts. The overall picture shows that he is continuing to get what he wants. We are not undermining him in any of his areas of control.

Efforts in that direction, such as the Voice of America, are weak and anemic. American taxpayers provide the hundred-million dollar megaphone of radio to low-grade intellectuals who shout jibes and wisecracks that mean nothing to people under material and mental tyranny.

STALIN STRONG IN SOME AREAS. WEAK IN OTHERS

Our gold and goods are still going behind the Iron Curtain through British, Indian and European traders. If the fighting stops in Korea, Stalin stands an excellent chance, through Chinese forces, to put puppet governments in control of Burma, Indo-China, Siam and Indonesia. So an airmail letter from Bangkok, Siam received this morning, tells me. The strife between the Hindu

and Moslem governments in India will give Stalin a middleman's reward. Europe is slipping into the laps of Communist parties.

In France, Italy, Greece, Portugal and even Scandinavia, Marshall money is making the pets of socialist bureaucrats more rich and arrogant while increasing the resentment of the poor. Even internationalist Senator Green jumped on European handout Administrator Foster about this. He wants assurance that future appropriations will benefit the common man in Europe. But how can that be done!

Well, you may say, why wouldn't this be a good time for Stalin to open a big war? It would, if his fighters and workers were not subject to the very same weaknesses as Western Europeans. And if he had the ready force to crush us, over here. He hasn't got it. The thought is absurd, as General MacArthur has said.

ACHESON'S DISGRACEFUL OFFER

The August 3 issue of David Lawrence's *United States News and World Report* reliably reports the "Big Strain Inside Russia." Stalin has shifted from

a threatening posture to peace and "co-existence."

Only two weeks ago our military men in Germany gave the President a combined information report, to the effect that no evidence of military concentration or other preparation for an offensive against Western Europe was discernable.

On July 27 Truman stated to newsmen that he was more hopeful over the outlook for peace. But the next day, General Marshall said he was sending 400,000, instead of 200,000 men in uniform to garrison Europe, ignoring his previous promise that he would not go over 200,000 without asking Congress.

Acheson had announced to a Congressional Committee that we would consider cessation of hostilities at the 38th parallel in Korea a satisfactory ending — even a "victory." Thus he offered exactly what everybody knew Moscow wanted.

Reds took us up on the deal, but something went haywire between the State Department and the military, with the result that American truce-talkers were told to demand that the line be our present position north of the 38th. So the outlook for peace in Korea is off, and Asiatics are caused to think our government changes its bargain.

At Detroit, two days after Truman expressed a more "hopeful outlook for peace," he said we faced the "greatest danger yet." Question: What is the man in the street to believe?

GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S VOICE HEARD ABOVE THE CONFUSION

The most powerful speech of General MacArthur's career was the one delivered at Boston, before a joint evening session of the Massachusetts legislature. Speaking in Senator Saltonstall's State, he dropped his heaviest bombs upon those responsible for the demoralization of our Country.

Saltonstall, a leftist Republican, sided with Truman against MacArthur when the General first came home.

The audience responded with an intensity and sincerity of emotion which surpassed even that shown at the General's appearances in New York, Washington, Chicago, Milwaukee and Texas. This can only be interpreted as a rebuke to New England politicians who are trying to retard the present awakening.

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But those of us who know how the secret *control* of press and radio operates, discerned a studied effort to play the speech down in reports to the nation. An attempt was made to give it silent treatment.

Here are a few sentences from that speech, which Americans should ponder with sober hearts and minds:

"I have been warned by many that an outspoken course, even if it be solely of truth, will bring down upon my head ruthless retaliation — that efforts will be made to destroy public faith in the integrity of my views — not by force of just argument but by the application of the false methods of propaganda. I am told in effect I must follow blindly the leader, keep silent, or take the bitter consequences.

"I had thought Abraham Lincoln had pinned down for all time this ugly code when he declared: 'To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men.'

"I shall raise my voice as loud and as often as I believe it to be in the interest of the American people. I shall dedicate all of my energies to restoring to American life, those immutable principles and ideals which your forebears and mine handed down to us in sacred trust. I shall assist in the regaining of that *moral base* for both public and private life which will restore the people's faith in the integrity

of public institutions and the private faith of every man in the integrity of his neighbor ...

"Our need for patriotic fervor and religious devotion was never more compelling. There can be no compromise with atheistic Communism, no half-way in the preservation of freedom and religion. It must be all or nothing.

"We must unite in the high purpose, that the liberties etched upon the design of our life by our forefathers be unimpaired, and that we maintain the moral courage and spiritual leadership to preserve inviolate that mighty bulwark of all freedom, our Christian faith."

SINISTER CENSORSHIP

Now I want you to know some of the difficulties that honest commentators face. One is the desire of people to have their news made pleasant. People these days want the news sweetened just as they want their food and drugs flavored. But we are living in an age when the truth is seldom pleasant.

The second difficulty is the scheme for keeping truth-telling commentators off the air. That is done by intimidating stations and sponsors, usually with the threat that some group will boycott them.

Groups usually used in such threats are the CIO and the Jewish community.

The scheme begins with a false rumor that the commentator is anti-labor or anti-Semitic — a word used to mean anti-Jewish.

The threat to have labor union members boycott a sponsor or radio station never got far. Labor union members are too independent. But the threat to have Jewish people remove their business has proven effective.

This kind of intimidation is highly organized. It started with Communist writers who call themselves Jewish. There are a number of Communist papers in the Country, mostly weeklies and monthlies, which use the cover of self-proclaimed Jewish community organs. Many of them are listed by the FBI and Department of Justice, and quite a few of their writers already have been arrested, some sent to prison. Some of those arrested in Baltimore a few days ago were writers who had intimidated my radio station outlet in that city. They claimed to be acting for a Jewish Protective Association.

Americans should learn to be wary of "protective associations." Remember that Al Capone had a "Merchants Protective Association." This hypocritical "Jewish Protective Association" operates on a similar basis. It collects big money from frightened people under the pretense of protecting them from menaces that do not exist, or which it manufactures itself.

The scheme works this way: A Communist such as writer Howard Fast writes a smear lie in a paper calling itself a Jewish community organ. Then the Jewish Protective Association called the "Anti-Defamation League" takes up the lie and spreads it through paid and sentimental agents. Then Jewish customers of sponsors and radio stations come to them and say: "Please cancel so-and-so from your program."

Some sponsors and stations tell such people to take their business and go. They cannot be dictated to in any such un-American way. Other sponsors and stations find it easier just to give in. Fewer and fewer Americans are giving in to this "Smear Terror," I'm glad to say ... And that's all for now.

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SPASTIC PARALYTIC WALKS — Little David Powell, who has been paralyzed since birth, demonstrates that he is cured of the cerebral palsy that crippled him. In four months David responded dramatically to a new treatment for spastics. He is shown at the Orlando Municipal Airport preparatory to embarking for his home in Laurel, Md., and a reunion with his parents. With him are his physician, W. Spencer Way, D.O., of Orlando and St. Cloud, and Mrs. F. R. Hirsch of St. Cloud who accompanied him on the trip.

Young Palsy Victim Recovers Under Treatment In St. Cloud

Little David Powell — not quite two — has the courage and grit of a seasoned fighter.

He demonstrated it Thursday night when he walked out of an airliner in Baltimore, Md., and into the waiting arms of his mother and daddy.

David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Powell of Laurel, Md., was a victim of cerebral palsy. Totally paralyzed on his right side and partially paralyzed on his left, he was practically helpless. His useless right arm remained clutched at his side and he drooled constantly.

His despairing parents had been told repeatedly that nothing could be done for David until he learned to walk. Ironically enough they knew that until something was done he probably never would walk.

When Mr. and Mrs. Powell heard that an osteopathic physician in St. Cloud was having success with a new treatment for spastic paralytics they immediately made arrangements to send David down for treatment. It was grasping at straws, but it was a chance they couldn't overlook.

The photograph and article appearing on this page are reproduced from the July 28, 1951 edition ... of the Orlando (Florida) Morning Sentinel.

Dr. Way is an experienced user of the God-given discoveries of Dr. William Frederick Koch, which have brought relief to so many people suffering from the so-called incurable diseases.

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So, four months ago David's mother, a lifelong friend of Mrs. F. R. Hirsch of St. Cloud, brought her son to Florida and left him in the care of Mrs. Hirsch and Dr. W. Spencer Way who maintains offices in Orlando and St. Cloud.

Treatment began immediately and David responded with true fighting spirit. He soon learned to move along the floor in a queer little crab-like shuffle. And as he gained the use of his right arm and leg he learned to pull himself to a standing position.

David can walk now. And, according to Dr. Way, he will develop into a normal, healthy child. His bright blue eyes and flashing smile bear out the doctor's belief as he totters around on his chubby, infant legs.

And when, like other two year olds, he loses his balance and sits down abruptly he laughs at the mishap and scrambles up again.

"David," says Dr. Way, "is one of only 12 or 15 children in the country who have been cured of cerebral palsy." He added, however, that with discovery of the new treatment — called the carbonyl catalyst treatment — there will be a rapidly increasing number. Meanwhile, the case of David Powell projects a ray of light and hope into the dark lives of similarly afflicted children.

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 1951 Convention of the Christian Medical Research League will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ... September 25, 26 & 27, in the auditorium of the Tuller Hotel at Detroit, Michigan.

The roster of speakers includes a galaxy of scientists, physicians and ministers. Morning, afternoon and night sessions are scheduled ... with Dr. Sam Swain, president of the League, in charge of advance arrangements. All meetings will be open to the public.

EDITORIALS

WASHINGTON MORALS

A WASHINGTON MINISTER recently delivered a sermon in which he blamed embassy personnel and other nationals of foreign countries for the collapse in moral standards at the Capital.

The decline began, Dr. Ira S. Ernst told his congregation at the Evangelical United Brethren Church, with the gushing of liquor "around several embassies during prohibition."

One thing led to another, one American puritan custom tumbled after another, he related, until a wholly new system of morality replaced native American ways.

In particular, he said, the European Sunday — loud, mirthful, bibulous — superseded the quiet Sabbath. Gambling became fashionable, night clubs lured husbands and wives, degeneration appeared. Even Washingtonians who had not stooped to harmful practices themselves he noted acquired a careless attitude toward vice.

"We should not smile or tolerate evils brought in here from foreign places," he enjoined his congregation.

New York has bigger foreign populations than some cities abroad, Dr. Ernst pointed out. And Washington, in lesser measure, also is disturbed by the influence of foreign elements. "The divergence of opinion among international groups, their different ways of looking at things, make it difficult to maintain unity in national life," he declared.

Dr. Ernst charged that increasing corruption in Washington and other teeming cities was threatening the American way.

"There are plenty of perils here from hoodlums and gangsters," he said, "but the perils that lurk in the moral atmosphere are far more dangerous."

DR. SAM MORRIS

Dr. Sam Morris accepted the position as Executive Director of the National Temperance League (headquarters Washington, D. C.) on August 1st ... at which time he issued the following statement:

I PLEDGE my best effort to accomplish the objective of the League as stated in its constitution, which is: To seek a moral and scientific solution of the beverage alcohol problem, and through every effective means to promote abstinence for the individual and group action to diminish and ultimately eliminate the traffic in alcoholic beverages and the evil arising therefrom.

We shall work along three very well defined lines to accomplish that goal: Education, legislation and agitation. We shall seek to change individual attitudes, alter social customs, and stir our Churches and social agencies to greater action by agitating the liquor question before the general public through the radio, the printed page and other media of information.

The American public should be taught the undeniable scientific fact that alcohol in beer, wine and whiskey is a habit-forming narcotic, poisonous drug which paralyzes the brain, depresses the nerves and releases inhibitions. Its use is unnecessary. The one sure way of preventing drunkenness, alcoholism and liquor-caused crime and accidents is through abstinence from the use of alcohol.

We believe that the Church and

friends of temperance throughout the nation will rally behind an aggressive program of organized temperance effort to stop the mounting evils now being caused by the drink traffic.

QUIET PRESCRIBED

JACK STACHEL, one of the national leaders of the Communist Party sentenced for conspiracy to overthrow the government, has appealed for release from federal prison at Danbury, Conn. He said that continued imprisonment would aggravate his case of myocardial infraction.

On the contrary, said the prison physician, there is nothing like a good rest in jail for heart trouble: "The quiet, orderly regime of prison life is conducive to good cardiac health rather than otherwise."

A revolutionist is in an excitable and hazardous occupation which may well tax his health. The calm serenity of a life behind bars will mend him. The same prescription should be followed for all Communists.

PEARSON AND WINCHELL

DREW PEARSON and Walter Winchell, twin smear artists, stood together for many years in their support of the Communist cause.

Winchell was the first to see the handwriting on the wall and begin eliminating praise for Stalin from his scripts. Pearson continues to espouse the leftist cause and smear opponents of Communism, but with a degree of moderation not previously shown.

Now they are quarreling. "Like reptiles like!"

Winchell is said to have released a stream of his vilest profanity when he read the following item in a recent Pearson column:

"The White House was considering a plan to send Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to Iran as special mediator, when two published items suddenly knocked these plans into a cocked hat. One item was in Winchell's column, the other an article in *Life* magazine.

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"The Winchell item read: 'Personal memo to Tito of Yugoslavia, Nehru of India and other chiefs of foreign nations: When a Bill Douglas of Oregon and Washington, D. C. calls on you soon — all courtesies extended will be appreciated by this column. Mr. Douglas will file copy exclusively to us ... It will be relayed to all I.N.S. clients under the byline: By Bill Douglas, Special Correspondent of the Daily Winchell.'

"This did not go down well at the White House. Nobody really believed that the supreme court justice was going to send newspaper dispatches back from India and Yugoslavia, where Douglas is now traveling, through Walter Winchell. Nevertheless, Winchell is not popular around the White House, and even a remote association between him and Douglas didn't help."

PEARSON'S RED HELPERS

REPRESENTATIVE John Wood, chairman of the Committee On Un-American Activities ... Representative John Rankin, Senator Joseph McCarthy and others, have called attention to the fact that Drew Pearson hires Communists to work for him at Washington.

Charges to this effect were confirmed a few days ago by startling disclosures from an entirely unexpected source.

Mrs. Mary S. Markward, a Washington housewife, was testifying before the Committee On Un-American Activities regarding her six years' work as an undercover FBI operative, when the bomb dropped. She had joined the Communist Party and gained access to its inner councils, at the request of the FBI.

It was her duty to observe red activities in the Washington and Baltimore areas, and secretly report them to government agents. She testified for five hours and was applauded for her courage by both the audience and members of the Committee.

Among the Communists whom she identified as members of the Party, was Andrew Older, a former reporter for Pearson.

As might be expected, the professional smear artist retaliated by hurling large quantities of journalistic mud in Chairman Wood's direction. Fortunately, Pearson is no longer feared around Washington for his activities as a character assassin. Mr. Wood seemed oblivious to his response regarding the exposure of Older.

OLIVER CLUBB AND AGNES SMEDLEY

WHEN, on August 20th, Oliver Edmund Clubb confessed his Communist connections before the House Committee On Un-American Activities, he did more than admit personal association with the international red network.

His testimony exonerated Major General C. A. Willoughby, hero of Corregidor and Chief of Intelligence at General MacArthur's Japanese headquarters, who was charged in 1949 with making false statements regarding the Soviet spy ring in the Orient.

Until recently, Clubb held a powerful post in the State Department, serving as head of the China section. Exposures of his red connections, caused him to be suspended on June 27th, this year. Before being given the State Department position, he had spent approximately 20 years of his adult life in the Orient.

Men of his type, operating inside the New Deal, are responsible for the internal convulsions with which other governments have been seized. Had American foreign policies been shaped against Communist expansion, there would be no iron curtain satellites today.

Clubb first testified before the House Committee in March of this year, that he did not recall meeting Whittaker Chambers (self-confessed Communist spy) at the offices of the *New Masses* in 1932.

Chambers was then editor of *New Masses*, a Communist magazine formerly published by Rex Stout of the so-called Friends of Democracy.

In his August appearance before the Committee, Clubb said he had, during the interim, refreshed his memory ... and that he *did* call at *New Masses* as Chambers had charged. He discovered this to be the case by consulting an old diary.

The diary entry stated that, "Agnes had given me a letter of introduction."

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This referred to none other than Agnes Smedley, whom General Willoughby's 1949 report listed as a member of the Sorge spy ring, which operated in China and Japan for several years. Smedley first met Sorge in 1930.

She plead innocent of the charges and engaged John Rogge, prosecutor of the so-called sedition case, to bring action against the General. Thereupon army headquarters did the amazing thing of repudiating the Willoughby document and whitewashing Smedley.

Flushed with this victory, Rogge challenged the General to waive his right to immunity and face trial for libel. The challenge was promptly accepted.

Upon receipt of this information Rogge stated: "If it's true the General has waived immunity and is taking responsibility for the report, he can get a lawyer right now, because we are certainly going to sue."

No action was ever brought. Rogge later stated that he wanted to sue General MacArthur, and there the matter was dropped. Clubb's August admissions before the Committee on Un-American Activities supported all of General Willoughby's charges.



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I live an American, I shall die an
American, and I intend to perform the
duties incumbent upon me in that char-
acter to the end of my career. I mean
to do this with absolute disregard of
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—Daniel Webster.

In no single generation of church
history have so many given their lives
for their faith, or were in more imme-
diate peril of martyrdom, than the
one in which we now live.

—J. Elwin Wright.

The repulsion of aggression, will not
be sufficient to make peace lasting.
Peace must be built upon a moral basis,
as found in the teachings of Christ and
the Bible.

—Chiang Kai-shek.

Faith does not eliminate foresight.

Try praising your wife, even if it
does frighten her at first.

—Billy Sunday.

If you think you are going to be
happy and prosperous by sitting back
and letting the Government take care
of you — look at the American Indian.

Good fences make good neighbors.

—Robert Frost.

Quite often when a man thinks his
mind is getting broader, it is only his
conscience stretching.

The way to keep from being a pris-
oner of despair is to be a soldier of
the Cross.

Sleep is death's younger brother, and
so like him that I never dared trust
him without my prayers.

—Sir Thomas Brown.

The Socialists are the handmaids and
heralds of Communism. They prepare
the way at every stage and every step
for the advance of Communism.

—Winston Churchill.

I commend my soul into the hands
of God, my Creator, hoping and as-
suredly believing, through the only mer-
its of Jesus Christ my Saviour, to be
made partaker of life everlasting, and
my body to the earth whereof it is
made.

—From Shakespeare's will.

He that takes truth for his guide, and
duty for his end, may safely trust to
God's providence to lead him aright.

—Pascal.

Nature has made work a necessity
to us; society makes it a duty; habit
makes it a pleasure.

—Capelle.

Sink the Bible to the bottom of the
ocean, and man's obligation to God
would be unchanged. He would have
the same path to tread, but without
lamp and guide; the same voyage to
make, with chart and compass over-
board.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

The best way to "save face" is to
keep the lower end of it closed.

The gem cannot be polished without
friction, nor man perfected without
trials.

—Chinese Proverb.

Time is on the side of people who
use it most efficiently.

I have never known the Lord to work
where the people were divided. The
one thing we must have, if the spirit
is to work in our midst, is unity.

—Dwight L. Moody.

Drunkenness spoils health, dismounts
the mind, unmans men. He that is drunk
is not a man, because he is void of
reason.

—John Woolman.

A Communist is simply a Socialist
trying to get there in a hurry.

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that it is highly vulnerable, not only from the military point of view, but also from the political and, worse still, from the psychological points of view.

WESTERN POLICY IN THE NEAR EAST

Not only has the West neglected the potentialities of the Near East, but its policy toward it has *not* been the kind that would rally the peoples of the area around the flag of democracy.

At the close of the Second World War the Near East was very friendly to the United States and her allies. Today a spirit of resentment and even revolt against the Western Democracies is sweeping this area. In Iran, Iraq, and Egypt a determined stand has been taken against the British. The people of Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia are struggling against French rule. Everywhere in the area there is resentment against the West.

What is the reason behind this change of attitude? What is the reason behind the indifference of the peoples of the Near East toward the conflict raging between the East and West? The reason is not difficult to find: It is the policy followed by the West in this area, which has been skillfully exploited by the Communists. Let us make a brief survey of this policy.

PALESTINE POLICY ALIENATED PEOPLE

The Palestine question is an outstanding example of this policy. Everyone knows that the serious injustice inflicted upon the Arabs in Palestine has alienated them and undermined the stability of the area.

The West's continued political and financial support of the Zionists in Palestine is *not* helping the relations with the Near East, nor is it strengthening the forces which are fighting communism there.

The failure to solve the problem of the Palestine refugees and the persistent refusal of the Zionists to implement the UN resolutions has given communism a better weapon than it ever dreamed of having. What better soil can communism have for planting its seeds of sedition and revolution than that represented by a million dispossessed, disillusioned, frustrated, homeless, and hungry human beings?

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WESTERN POLICY IN NEAR EAST IS MAINLY COLONIAL

Another example of the Western policy that has alienated the people of the Near East is the colonial system pursued by some of the Western Democracies in this area. When I speak of colonial policy I mean its two aspects — the political and the economic. Colonialism, the old and familiar enemy against which the United States fought in 1776, is one of the main reasons for the alienation of the Near Eastern people from Western Democracies.

Foreign troops are stationed in Iraq and Jordan against the will of their people. Since 1882, and in violation of the lofty principles proclaimed in the two world wars, and of the United Nations Charter, foreign troops still occupy the Suez Canal in Egypt. This violation of the territorial integrity of Egypt is ever present in the mind of every Egyptian, and is causing ever-increasing resentment and unrest.

Foreign troops also occupy the Sudan, the southern province of Egypt, from which flows the Nile, the life line of Egypt. This enforced separation of the Sudan from Egypt is the cause of still more bitter resentment among Egyptians and Sudanese alike.

If we go westward along the North African coast, we find 25,000,000 inhabitants in Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco, still subjugated by colonialism. In this, our twentieth century, they are denied the right of self-determination and self-government.

In Libya, whose independence and unity were recognized and guaranteed by the United Nations, we find that everything is being done by colonial powers to destroy this unity and to undermine this independence by dividing this small nation of 1,000,000 inhabitants into three tiny countries — Cyrenaica, Tripoli, and Fezzan. This is tantamount to the abolition of their unity and independence.

What is happening in Iran is a clas-

sic example of a collision between economic colonialism and awakening nationalism. In the critical area, an explosion may be the possible aftermath.

Having briefly reviewed the policy followed by the Western Democracies in the Near East, I would like to say a word about the strategy and tactics followed by the Communists, as compared to those followed by the Western Democracies.

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ment in the direction of this aim. For the Communists the present world situation is the continuation of a long succession of events. They base their policy on wars, unrest, and disorder growing out of the explosive forces of modern society.

Their greatest asset in the Near East, on which they capitalize, is the political and colonial policy followed in this area. In proof of this, let me quote to you extracts from a series of lectures, "On the Foundation of the Principles of Leninism," given by Stalin in 1924 in Sverdlov University:

"The national movements for the freeing of the oppressed countries from the imperialist yoke certainly contain unexhausted revolutionary possibilities which can be utilized for the overthrow of our common enemy, for the destruction of imperialism. For these causes, the proletariat must decisively and actually support the national movements for the liberation of the oppressed and dependent people."

Stalin concludes his lecture with the following poignant declaration: "One of the chief indirect reserves for the Communist revolution is antagonism, conflicts and wars."

In other words, the Communist plan in the Near East is to fan up nationalist movements and exploit the evils of the colonial policy in order to foment trouble and unrest that will lead ultimately to world revolution and the seizure of power. This is precisely what the Communists are doing in Palestine, Iran, and the rest of the Near East.

They are not fomenting class struggles nor advocating agrarian or other economic reforms, but they are inciting political trouble. They do not call their parties in the Near East Communist parties; they call them Committees of National Liberation. They do not work and direct their pernicious propaganda toward the peasant and worker but toward the intellectual elements and university students, knowing that these are the leaders of nationalist movements in these countries.

WESTERN STRATEGY COMPARED TO COMMUNIST STRATEGY

This, then, is the strategy of the Communists. Let us look at the strategy of the West.

Lincoln said: "If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it." Let us then see where we are in the Near East and whither we are tending in relation to communism.

The Communists are well led. They are using the most effective weapons and are being guided by well-defined aims. The Western Powers, on the other hand, while fighting for freedom and democracy elsewhere, continue to pursue the outworn concepts of imperialism. They seem to think that they can combat communism chiefly with loans, grants, and technical assistance.

There is no denying that we have in the Near East internal problems which favor the growth of communism. Our economic system is by no means perfect: The distribution of wealth is inequitable and the standard of living of the masses is low. The Near Eastern countries are endeavoring to solve these problems in the traditional way: graduated taxes and social reforms.

My own country, for one, has already made some strides in this direction. A new graduated income and inheritance tax has been in force for three years. The rural centers established by my government to improve the health and living conditions of the peasants and to increase their income have been hailed by UN experts and recommended as models to other countries.

Several reforms are under way in the area. Given peace, security, and some encouragement, the Near East can overcome these economic and social difficulties. We are greatly encouraged by the helpful attitude of this noble country. Some technical assistance has been given and the United States is now considering economic aid for our area. But this alone will not prevent the march of communism.

The Western Democracies talk about raising the standard of living and the better distribution of wealth as preventive measures against communism. The Communists in the Near East, however, are not inciting people against the established economic order.

They are not using poverty and the low standard of living as weapons to foment unrest and confusion as a prelude to world revolution. They have tried them without success. They are using the more effective weapons — Palestine and colonialism — gratuitously furnished to them by the Western Powers.

In the Near East the cancer of communism is feeding upon colonialism. Eradicate this and the Near East will be yours. If the Western Democracies confine themselves to treating the Near East with economic aid alone the situation will not improve. The only remedy, in my opinion, is to grant the people of the Near East their lawful rights of independence, both economic and political.

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The people of the Near East are naturally opposed to communism, but owing to their disappointment in the Western policy they are moving in the direction of neutrality in the conflict between East and West. This attitude was clearly outlined in a resolution adopted by the Arab League during its Cairo meeting in February 1951:

"The Arab States hasten to express their belief in the principles of the United Nations Organization . . . but it goes without saying that the Arab States cannot carry out the grave international obligations imposed by the UN Charter on all nations without their gaining their complete national rights and the settling of their national questions in accordance with the principles of freedom, justice, and equality."

This is the predominant feeling in the vital Near East and this is the picture, a picture by no means bright or reassuring. *If things are left drifting as they are, tragedies similar to that in Iran may take place.* Isn't it wiser to take immediate steps to remedy the situation before it is too late?

The remedy is simple. It lies in the adoption by the West of a new liberal policy that bridges the wide gulf separating it from the people of the Near East; a policy that will satisfy their national aspirations — political or economic; a policy that will deprive the Communists of their best weapon — colonialism. Then communism will have no place in the Near East.

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The title of his dynamic brochure is "ATOM TREASON." He charges that one particular racial group, more interested in Russia and Palestine than America, plotted a program for taking over the atom.

Review editors are using the word "startling" in describing the treatise because of the boldness and candor with which he names persons and places ... presenting photographic and documentary evidence to support his exposures.

American citizens are becoming accustomed to public officials being shown up as traitors and blackguards, but Mr. Britton shocks his readers by indicting men about whom, thus far, only the bravest have dared raise their voices above a whisper. A glance at "Atom Treason" is sufficient to convince one of the Author's courage.

During the war years, the atomic energy program was carried on under the watchful supervision of the military, who called it by the code name, *Manhattan Project*.

Jews possessing knowledge of the undertaking were delighted, because it was conceived as a weapon for use against Germans, whom they hated with pathological fervor. Members of the race from Einstein down, gave the Project hearty support.

But a new situation developed after Japan's capitulation. The high command of international Jewry changed its strategy. With Soviet Russia as the only possible target for the atom bomb, a series of maneuvers were initiated to bring the program under Jewish control. Mr. Britton shows how this was done.

Propaganda began to be released about the inhuman aspects of atomic power. Until then, the weapon had been pictured as something useful, even benevolent, for wiping out enemy cities. A public clamor was created, demanding that it be turned over to civilian authority.

As long as the military was in control, the American people stood a better chance of retaining their most important secret. The Communist *Daily Worker* charted the course of opposition. Engines of Jewish propaganda throughout the Nation went into action, toward the common objective of undermining the military.

With this accomplished, it became possible to filch atomic secrets and pipe them to the Soviet Union. A subsidiary, but important task, was that of selling the American people on the idea that our possession of the secret was unimportant and illusory, since the Russians were "bound to get it sooner or later, anyway."

Mr. Britton says: "Shortly after V-J Day Harry Truman turned America's atomic energy program over to a board of five men, three of whom were Jews.

For the next three years this cabal exercised dictatorial control over the atom."

As a result, the hydrogen bomb program was sabotaged at the policy making level by Lilienthal, Bacher, Straus, Oppenheimer and Einstein. Meanwhile, lesser and more numerous members of the Jew-Marxist group were busily engaged in channeling atomic information to Moscow in wholesale style. They are charged with selling our Country down the river, dismantling the intricate structure of victory, and leaving us dangerously vulnerable.

During the critical years that Lilienthal was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Soviets had access to more information from our laboratories than was available to any member of Congress. Mr. Britton points out that no newspaper editor has dared mention the connection between the breaking of the Fuchs case and David Lilienthal's resignation 12 days later.

The unhappy truth, according to "Atomic Treason," is that ... our Atomic Energy Commission still remains so infested with Marxist-Jews that it may prove impossible to remove them in time to prevent an atomic version of Pearl Harbor.

In every case of espionage thus far uncovered, the trail has led back to the closely guarded laboratories at Oak Ridge, Los Alamos and Princeton, and in every instance, a highly placed Jew at one of these installations has been involved.

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MASS CHILD EVANGELISM

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MR. HUNT is a successful Christian businessman in Toronto, Canada. When given an assignment to work with Sunday School children a few years ago, he tried conscientiously to put his heart into the task. An effort was made to secure attendance, attention and results in children's meetings, but only meager returns were realized. He had to resist constantly a feeling of discouragement.

Then there came into his hands an old book by E. Payson Hammond which started him on a new course. Today Mr. Hunt is regarded as an expert, perhaps the most successful leader in the entire field of Child Evangelism.

His methods, productive of astonishing results during the last few years in both Canadian and American cities, are set forth in the present handbook.

Dr. P. W. Philpott says: "We never make a better contribution to the kingdom of heaven and the welfare of society, than when we bring a boy or girl to Christ. I have read this book with a great deal of interest. From time to time I have felt, if I could have had the information that Mr. Hunt gives, earlier in my ministry, I could have rendered much better service."

The child mass movement directed by Mr. Hunt is obviously a part of the Holy Spirit's working in our day. The results hark back to the past, when Spurgeon's Tabernacle was often crowded with six thousand children and many turned away ... and Moody's great meetings in America, in which multitudes of under-teen-age children accepted Christ. Modern methods and properly directed effort have resulted in a repetition of these sights during some of the Author's meetings in Canada.

In this new book, Mr. Hunt graciously shares his knowledge with the Christian public ... and Pastors, Evangelists, Sunday School Teachers and other Christian workers will be greatly benefited.

A. J. GORDON, PULPIT MASTER

Fleming H. Revell Company ... 256 pages, cloth binding, price \$2.25.

DURING the latter part of the nineteenth century, the influence of Dr. A. J. Gordon, distinguished pastor of Clarendon Street Church, Boston, was felt throughout the Country. He was a lecturer, an author and an evangelical scholar whose message is as inspiring today as when delivered during his lifetime.

This book comes as another in the Great Pulpit Masters Series, published by the Fleming H. Revell Company.

Dr. Gordon presented Biblical exposition, the urgent need for world evangelism, and the practical implications accompanying belief in the doctrine of Christ's return. It was his practice over a period of 20 years, to select portions of sermons which he felt were most significant, for publication in *Watchword*, a weekly religious periodical. The present volume contains the cream of messages from that source, and others hitherto unpublished, made available to the publishers by Dr. Gordon's son.

Dr. Nathan R. Wood's magnificent Introduction adds luster ... because it brings back romantic memories of days when such giants as Dr. Gordon, Dwight L. Moody, Ira Sankey, Henry Drummond and others were collaborating in the Lord's work.

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in the mind of man. Frances Willard said, regarding Dr. Gordon: "I felt that he came before his people from the Mount of Vision."

A HARMONY AND COMMENTARY ON THE LIFE OF PAUL

By Dr. Frank J. Goodwin ... Baker Book House, 240 pages, cloth binding, price \$2.50.

SOME MEN have made such massive contributions to Christian scholarship that there is little room to improve on their efforts — Strong's "Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible," A. T. Robertson's "Grammar of the Greek New Testament" and Smith's "Bible Dictionary" being examples.

A work of no less proportions is Dr. Frank J. Goodwin's "Harmony and Commentary on the Life of St. Paul." It is designed as a handbook for students, ministers, Sunday School teachers and all serious Bible students.

The Author has constructed a continuous account of the life of the great apostle, as given in the book of Acts, together with such selections from the Pauline Epistles as are supplementary or parallel. This permits, for the first time, a comparison of the narrative of Paul's life, side by side with the various epistles he wrote, casting light on obscure meanings that years of independent study might fail to reveal.

Augmenting the Scriptural account is a valuable commentary which unravels many of the standing problems of Paul's itinerary. Included are some interesting comments defining several Greek words and phrases which add substantially to the worth of the book.

The vantage point from which the Author writes is definitely that of the conservative evangelical. His labors betray a thorough knowledge of basic commentaries, such authorities as Stalker, Alford, Calvin, Meyer, Lightfoot, Conybeare, Farrar and others. He has made a painstaking study of everything extant regarding Paul.

A distinctively serviceable feature is the appendix, which includes sev-

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eral cogent articles on events in the apostle's early pilgrimage. We have before us a weighty volume that does for the life of Paul what a harmony of the Gospels does for the life of Christ.

I SEEN HIM WHEN HE DONE IT

By Gladys Muller and Dorothy Bennett ... Published by Van Kampen Press. 70 pages. Cloth binding. Price \$1.25.

THE AUTHORS of this fascinating book, the title of which is such a shocking grammatical monstrosity, were determined to make Christian people as sensitive to unseemly etiquette as to bad grammar.

The title, "i seen him when he done it," they say, is no more a violent affront to grammatical sensibility than the rude, uncouth behavior practiced daily by Christians who should know better.

Members of a family jealously protect their name and honor. But as children of the royal family of God, too many do not behave in keeping with their position. Bad conduct often brings reproach on the name of Christ.

This cleverly written book is designed to stimulate thinking on subjects not covered in ordinary works of etiquette. It will be read with a smile. It may help bring to pass the entreaty of the little girl who prayed: "Dear God, make all bad people good and all good people nice."

The range of subjects included cover every situation in which Christians find themselves, from services of worship to

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Readers with a sense of humor will get a hearty laugh out of the way some of these matters are discussed. And while the volume is providing mirth, it will also be helping many to discover breeches of etiquette in their own Church, or Christian social conduct. The Authors have dedicated it to the cause of happier and more pleasant Christian relationships.

GAMES FOR ALL OCCASIONS

By Ken Anderson and Morry Carlson ... Zondervan Publishing House, 135 pages, price \$2.00.

NO GROUP is so large or so small that this complete handbook of "Games for All Occasions" cannot furnish the best of good times. When

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

DR. WINROD VISITS NEW YORK DEFENDER CHURCH

DR. WINROD was guest preacher at the Defender Missionary Church of New York City, Sunday, August 12th ... and like all services held there, the building was packed to capacity.

The congregation uses a rented location for worship purposes, situated in a densely populated section, just beyond the west edge of Harlem. Now in its eighth year, the Church is ready for an expansion program which should include the erection of its own building.

All services are conducted in the Spanish language. Dr. Winrod spoke in English and Mrs. Gloria Hernandez, the wife of the Pastor, interpreted the message phrase by phrase into Spanish.

Dr. and Mrs. Hernandez are Defender Christians from the West Indies. They have found their section of New York to be as much a mission field as Puerto Rico.

Several thousand Puerto Ricans migrate to the United States every year in search of better living conditions. They are driven to this decision by frightful economic conditions, overpopulation, unemployment, malnutrition and attendant evils existing on the Island.

Since Puerto Rico is an American possession, the new arrivals are granted free entry into the Country. Most of them get no further than New York City.

They settle in the congested Latin section and soon find themselves faced with problems as bad or worse than those left behind. The area to which they are transplanted comprises a mission field in the truest sense. It is estimated that there are at least 700,000 Puerto Ricans in the great metropolis at the present time.

Only a small percentage bring any knowledge of the Bible or an understanding of real Christian worship. The opportunities for Gospel work among them are therefore very great. They are looking for a better way of life and make excellent Christians when brought into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A nucleus of Bible-believing Christians came together from this vast reservoir, in 1943, at the invitation of Dr. Hernandez. The need of a Church home and evangelistic center was evident to everyone. A small group began meeting regularly, in the two rooms of a tenement house, then occupied by the Pastor and his family.

After some months, a store building was rented and converted into a place of worship. A Sunday School was or-

ganized. Evangelistic services were held every night. Classes for special Bible study were arranged. A congregation was organized and chartered under authorization from Wichita headquarters.

The Church later rented its present quarters — now hopelessly outgrown.

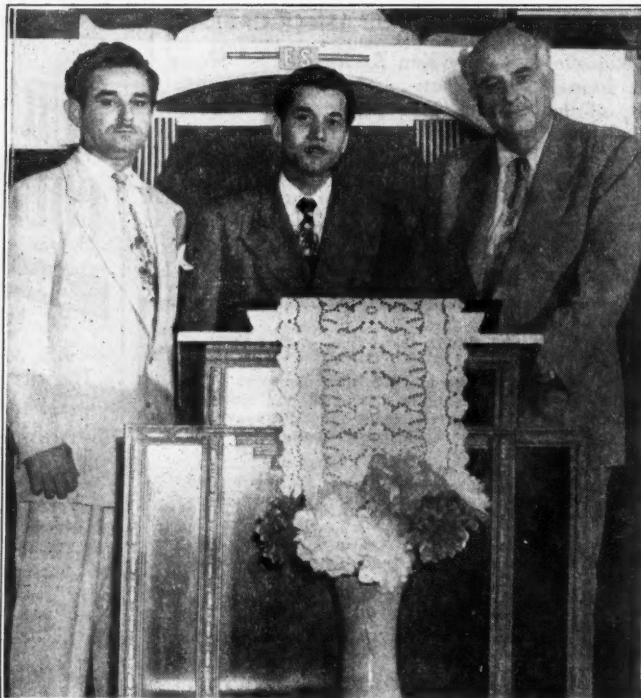
As the work grew and souls were saved, Satan began to stir up opposition. Worship services were at times molested by Communist mobs. The premises were picketed by enemies of Christ, and Gospel preaching was dubbed "Fascist propaganda." Windows were smashed. Worshipers going in and out of services were mistreated.

Like true Christians, they counted themselves happy to be able to suffer for His sake. Dr. Hernandez preached a sermon from II Timothy 2:12, with telling effect at a time when the opposition was most intent.

The storm passed and there has been no more persecution of this kind for more than three years.

A branch of the Church is now in process of being established in the Spanish section of Brooklyn, several miles away. Mr. Norberto Rodriguez, shown in the accompanying picture, will be the Pastor of the new Church when it is organized.

Dr. Hernandez has prepared the following prayer-request for *Defender* readers: "Please pray for us as we continue to labor in this vineyard. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and bless the efforts which we are daily putting forth for the salvation of precious souls. Pray that we will soon have our own building and larger quarters. Pray that our needs shall all be supplied according to Matthew 6: 33."



Dr. Jose Hernandez, Norberto Rodriguez and Dr. Winrod ... shown standing in the pulpit of the New York Church.

DEFENDER CHAPEL-CHURCHES IN PUERTO RICO

NINETEEN CENTURIES of Church history have vindicated the missionary methods of early Christianity. Under the guidance of the Spirit and motivated by His power, the first believers succeeded so well in transforming lives and altering the social structure for righteousness, that enemies credited them with turning the world "upside down."

Paul's method was to conduct a vigorous preaching campaign, then gather the resulting converts into a fellowship of believers, whom he further instructed in the things of God. Groups thus established became redemptive fellowships.

The missionary program of the Defenders of the Christian Faith has for over two decades, operated according to these same basic New Testament principles of evangelism. The fruits of the plan are particularly well exemplified in the West Indies Isle of Puerto Rico.

Twenty years ago, when Dr. Winrod made the first missionary tour of Puerto Rico, it was his idea and admonition that a strong *native church* be established, with native converts shouldering the responsibility, directing the program and furnishing the preachers.

It was accordingly felt that Puerto Rico would be an ideal setting for a test of the value of *indigenous*, New Testament evangelism. The proof of pudding is in the eating ... and the plan is working successfully!

An important principle of indigenous missions is the use of *trained* native leaders. The work in Puerto Rico developed a large number of zealous, sincere Christians with a real passion for souls, but expansion into areas where multitudes waited for light was impossible without leaders, *trained* leaders, who could devote their time to visitation, teaching and preaching.

Out of this need developed the Defenders Theological Seminary. Located adjacent to the Capital city of San Juan, it is a place where students from all parts of Puerto Rico study and associate together, devoting their evenings to evangelistic missionary work. Here they learn to put classroom training to practical use and become disciplined, conscientious Christian leaders.

These trained young leaders do not return to "settle down" in their local Churches after graduation. They have a deep sense of "mission" and personal responsibility for their unsaved fellow Puerto Ricans. Their usual practice is to begin holding preaching and singing services in some untouched community, meeting in a home, some borrowed shelter or under the open sky.

It is at this point that a particularly pressing problem rises. Financial help is needed from the United States to keep each native worship-center in existence, and to make growth possible.

In Puerto Rico where the percentage of unemployment is high, wages are correspondingly low. The people, where Defender Chapels are established, live in poverty and have none of the advantages generally enjoyed by Christians in America. Their pitifully small offerings, which represent real sacrifice, are seldom more than from fifteen to twenty-five cents a service, practically all in pennies.

The spirit of one seminary student, who returned to his native community and turned things "upside down" for Christ, may be taken as an example of what motivates our young preachers in Puerto Rico.

Upon reaching his home town, he began at once to witness for Christ with great earnestness. No opportunity to apply knowledge gained at the Seminary was allowed to pass. On the streets, in humble homes, along mountain trails, people heard him gladly.

A small congregation was soon established, which included a Sunday School for children. Within six months, he had several bright converts, and a nucleus of believers organized — without financial support from any source — but he lacked proper clothing and often went hungry.

Finally he sent a report and a plea for help to Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, superintendent of the work in Puerto Rico. This report, which explained the need of renting a building for worship purposes, was forwarded to Headquarters in Wichita. Help was arranged according to the usual Chapel Plan which has proven effective in the West Indies.

This arrangement provides that friends in the United States contribute \$20.00 a month to the support of a native Pastor and interior worship-center. Persons who thus cooperate are called "Chapel Friends."

When a person assumes the support of a Chapel, he is sent pictures of his Pastor and the place where meetings are held. He also receives regular monthly reports on the progress of the work ... together with signed receipts from the field showing that the contributions (\$20.00 per month) are safely delivered.

Several new Chapels have been organized since the close of the last Seminary school year. Support will have to be arranged if they are to continue in existence. Pray for this work, and undertake the support, if possible, of one of these Defender missionary outposts in the West Indies by filling out and mailing the blank below.

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SOLVING CHURCH PROBLEMS

Acts 11:27-30; 15:1-2, 22-31

MEMORY TEXT: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." I John 3:14.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "BRETHREN."

The passages under consideration today form a pattern which Christians of the twentieth century will do well to try and follow, when seeking solutions for problems which rise inevitably in the Church.

Two incidents are before us. The first deals with the relief of suffering saints ... and the second with a controversy that required judicious handling.

I. AGABUS

A prophet named Agabus went from Jerusalem to Antioch, and predicted the coming of a famine which would cause great suffering "throughout all the world" — the whole Roman Empire.

This prophecy was fulfilled by four famines, in different parts of the Nation, during the reign of Claudius. According to Josephus, the one in Judea took place in A.D. 41. Jews were supported by corn purchased from Egypt. But Christ's humble followers would have perished had it not been for preparations made as a result of foreknowledge.

The Christians at Antioch, motivated by brotherly love, organized a relief program, "every man" contributing "according to his ability."

Jamieson, Fausset & Brown Commentary says: "This was the pure prompting of Christian love, which shone so bright in those earliest days of the Gospel."

II. PAUL AND BARNABAS

Jerusalem became the chief center of Christian worship in apostolic times. The congregation there is affectionately called "the mother church" by Bible

students. Other groups looked to it for authority.

Among the believers in Jerusalem were certain misguided converts out of Judaism, who thought to carry their former ideas with them into Christ's Church. They were Judaizers ... and, acting on their own initiative, went to Antioch, where they succeeded in spreading great confusion.

Paul and Barnabas disputed with them. A plea was finally sent to Jerusalem for an official ruling on the question involved.

These "subverters" were demanding, among other things, that Christians be circumcised, as part of their religious observances. Had this view been tolerated, Christ's program in the world would have developed into a hodgepodge, a mixture of Christianity and Judaism. New wine would have been put into old bottles, with disastrous results.

Fortunately, the leaders at Jerusalem knew *what* they believed. If living today, they would repudiate such hybrid organizations as the "National Conference of Christians and Jews."

The trend of the twentieth century is away from "defending the faith once delivered to the saints," in favor of ecumenicity and obscuring distinctions between various religious beliefs.

Denominations have had, or were supposed to have, certain distinctions which justified their existence. One minister recently said: "Our Church has lost every distinction it ever had." For such a Church, a larger fellowship on an ecumenical basis would make no difference. It has ceased to stand for unique or significant principles, anyway.

A Christian is one who has espoused certain distinctives which mark him as *in* the world, but not *of* the world. He is different from the herd, a light set upon a hill. Paul and Barnabas cor-

rectly resisted the heresy of the Judaizers. They knew that Christianity was *different*.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS ACTS 15:28.

"It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things ..."

The Holy Spirit gave *inward* guidance and placed His seal of approval upon the decision. The churchmen, representing external ecclesiastical authority, gave wholehearted assent. This is the New Testament method, intended for the Churches of all time.

It is refreshing to read of the constructive way in which the controversy was settled. When the matter came to the attention of the Jerusalem congregation, its members went to prayer, instead of wrangling. The final result was all that could be desired.

(3) THE KEY FACT: CHURCHES CAN COOPERATE.

If pride, rivalry and petty jealousies had been present in either the Jerusalem or Antioch congregations, the entire story of Church history might read differently today. Both Churches were obviously spiritual, with a greater interest in advancing Christ's kingdom than sparring for mutual advantages.

No matter how widely separated individual congregations may be, when operating under leadership of the Holy Spirit, cooperation is easy and progress certain.

LESSON NUMBER TWO

September 23, 1951

LIVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLAN

Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 17:22-28; Romans 10:12; Revelation 21:1-8

MEMORY TEXT: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "NEW."

It would be a mistake to ignore the prophetic phase of today's lesson. The prophecy of Isaiah 65:17-25 connects with that of II Peter 3:10-13 ... and



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refers to the renovation of our planet by fire at the end of the millennial age.

Bible students have always accepted as true, the prophecies that anticipate a future celestial conflagration explaining that the elements would "melt with fervent heat" and the material heavens and earth be "dissolved." But only now, in the light of atomic science, do such passages become understandable.

Peter spoke of a past renovation by water . . . and a future renovation by fire. The Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary says: "As the flood was the baptism of the earth, eventuating in a renovated earth, partially delivered from the curse, so the baptism with fire shall purify the earth so as to be the renovated abode of regenerated man, wholly freed from the curse."

The Bible opens with the statement that God made heaven and earth. It closes with the announcement that there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Isaiah understood the same truth. By the word "new" he did not mean newly created — but renewed, restored, cleansed, made fresh and beautiful again, with all the marks of sin and perversions of evil eradicated. The present creation groans for this renewal. (Romans 8:22)

There can be no question but what Isaiah is speaking in this chapter about conditions *during* and *after* the millennial age. Man's state will be greatly improved in the millennium, but not perfected. Sin and death will have place in it. (Revelation 20:7-8)

Longevity will be a characteristic of the millennial order. Human life is compared with "the days of a tree," one of the most long-lived objects in nature. If a hundred years is still childhood for the saint, presumably an adult might attain many centuries. On the other hand, the life span of sinners is to be so reduced that their power to spread evil will become negligible.

Philosophers have written acres of books, trying to anticipate *ultimates*. They wish to know how things will end. Only in the prophetic passages of God's Word do we find the answer.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS ACTS 17:27.

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us."

Mar's Hill is today a barren granite elevation in Athens. A pagan temple stood there at the time of Paul's visit,

which bore an inscription, "To the Unknown God." The Greeks had many gods — gods of seasons, gods of love, gods of war, etc. But the one true God was unknown to them, as the temple inscription confessed.

Vaunted Athenian learning had missed the most important single truth in the world. The word *unknown* is derived from the Greek *agnostos*, which means throughout Grecian literature "without knowledge." It is the root of the modern term, "agnosticism." This instance is the only place in the New Testament where *agnostos* is used, yet how surprising to find it in Athens!

The Athenians were proud of their knowledge, but they did not know God. Paul made it clear that God had revealed himself to mankind by supernatural processes and could not be discovered by mere head knowledge.

(3) THE KEY FACT: MEN MAY ADJUST THEMSELVES TO GOD'S PLAN.

It is not easy to discern exactly what those who choose the lesson texts had in mind, when they assembled the four Scriptures listed in the heading. They indicated the subject to be "Living Together in the World."

Perhaps the underlying theme is that God's providential care extends to the whole human race. An overshadowing intelligence shapes world affairs and God often causes the wrath of men to praise Him.

Paul spoke of creation at Athens. The text from Romans is addressed to the Church. Isaiah's words refer to millennial conditions. The statement from Revelation gives a picture of the eternal home of the redeemed.

Life has a purpose only when God's all-inclusive plan for mankind is understood. Men do not really *live* until they adjust themselves to the Infinite will.

LESSON NUMBER THREE

September 30, 1951

FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE

Acts 1:4-8; Rom. 15:14-29

MEMORY TEXT: "I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." Romans 15:19.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "PREACHING."

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The early Church was essentially a missionary Church. Its program was predicated upon the presence, power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Master Missionary said: "Ye shall receive power" — the Greek word for which is *dunamis*, comparing favorably with our word "dynamite." The Gospel is explosive. It releases creative power, a higher form of energy than known on human levels.

The personal remarks appended by Paul to his Roman epistle, stress his vocation as a pioneer missionary, penetrating regions where the Gospel had not yet reached. Isaiah 52:15 is quoted to show that he shared the prophet's vision and wished to sprinkle "many nations" with Gospel truth.

Paul was *not* color blind. Black men, yellow men, red men, white men! All were precious to his heart. As a pebble thrown into a pool starts ripples which reach its rim, so the Gospel as preached by Paul spread over vast areas.

On Roman roads built for military expeditions, down the current of strange rivers, through forest recesses, into the thick of city life, the Gospel has gone. As the light came, the darkness of paganism vanished. God's Word has been translated into more than a thousand tongues. Souls have been snatched, as brands from the burning. In the train of missionaries have come hospitals, schools and homes for the orphan and aged. Living conditions have become better, womanhood elevated, children loved and old age venerated.

The final triumph of the missionary movement is seen in the vision recorded by John the revelator:

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS ACTS 8:4.

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

Persecution among Christians of the first century was a blessing in disguise. Homes were broken up. Believers were forced to flee from their native communities. "They went everywhere *preaching*." Thus the persecutors scattered the flame they tried to extinguish.

One writer insists that the word "preaching" literally means "gossiping." Early Christians gossiped the Gospel.

(3) THE KEY FACT: THE GOSPEL IS FOR THE "UTTERMOST PARTS."

Melancholia is a dread disease, a form of mental deterioration. The eyes of the victim turn inward, making him sensitive, self-conscious and inferior in his own thinking.

Our Lord sought to save the Church from this ailment. He turned its eyes outward upon the harvest, toward the "uttermost part of the earth." Wherever men and women live out of fellowship with God, it is our responsibility to carry the message of reconciliation.

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

October 7, 1951

ABRAHAM, MAN OF FAITH

Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-17

MEMORY TEXT: "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Galatians 3:6.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "ABRAM."

Abraham was a native of Chaldea and descendant in the ninth generation from Shem, the son of Noah. His life consisted of four periods, each of which was marked by a divine revelation of sufficient importance to constitute a different epoch.

The First Period — *the call*. "Get thee out of thy country, unto a land that I will shew thee."

Being a shepherd-farmer of great possessions, such a move involved a large operation. His establishment included thousands of sheep and goats, oxen and camels, tents, furniture, implements and a retinue of servants. To transport such a host, so great a distance, would have appalled an ordinary heart. But the record says, "He went out, not knowing whither he went." (Hebrews 11:8) He possessed great faith.

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The Second Period — *the Covenant*. "I will bless thee." Abram dwelt in Canaan ten years and remained childless. During this period he had a vision, in which the Lord confirmed the promises previously made. He accepted them in faith, by a solemn covenant contracted between himself and God.

"In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." This alluded to the fact that the body in which deity would be housed for 33 years on this earth, was potentially in his loins. Abram was told that his descendants would be innumerable, despite the fact that Sarah remained barren and had passed the age of child bearing.

The Third Period — *the Change of Name*. "But thy name shall be Abraham." The good man was on his face before God when he heard these words. His change of name symbolizes the complete change that takes place in the nature of a man who accepts Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

By a miracle, Sarah conceived and Isaac was born. Thus the seed from which the Saviour's body would be fashioned was preserved. (Galatians 3:16; John 8:56-58)

The Fourth Period — *the Trial*. "The Lord will provide." Human sacrifice existed in those days. Abraham's faith was subjected to tragic pressure, when ordered to slay Isaac on an altar, at the top of Mount Moriah. The uplifted hand of the father was arrested by an angel. A ram, caught in a thicket, was offered instead. The substitute here provided, typified the divine Substitute that would be later offered for the sins of the world on Calvary's altar.

(Those who say Abraham was a Jew, should be apprised of the fact that the appellation does not appear in Scripture until thirteen hundred years later, in II Kings 16:6. The name "Jew" was then applied to members of the tribe of Judah, a group by nature quite unlike Abraham.)

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS GENESIS 12:8.

"He builded an altar unto the Lord."

By this act of devotion he made an open profession of his religion, established worship of the true God, and declared faith in the promises that he had received. He drove a stake and placed an anchor, in a way that provided a fixed purpose between himself and his heavenly Father. Every Christian should maintain an altar of prayer, as an outward symbol of an inward faith.

(3) THE KEY FACT: ABRAM'S FAITH INSPIRES US.

Abraham was far from perfect. His lapse in Egypt was inexcusable. He must have often deplored his own frailties. But faith drove him forward. Paul makes the significant statement that "Abraham believed God." The writer of the Hebrews says: "By faith Abraham looked for a city whose builder and maker is God."

The tremendous sweep of his vision, and an eye fixed upon eternal objectives, served to lift him above the things that vex, irritate, and keep many from attaining their spiritual best.

LESSON NUMBER FIVE

October 14, 1951
JACOB MEETS GOD
Genesis 28:10-22

MEMORY TEXT: "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." Genesis 28:15.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "BETH-EL."

Bible students regard Jacob as a typical example of human nature. In him was exhibited at one and the same time the weaknesses and strength of average people — the disposition of evil, and the capacity for knowing God.

Jacob lived in that obscure period of history when morals and codes as we know them were not yet established. Nevertheless there were men in those ages, guided by special light which came to them. Jacob belonged to this group.

His youth was characterized by trickery, deception and selfishness. Almost nothing superior appears in his life, prior to the first Bethel experience. The qualities of the prince were obscured by rubbish resulting from inbred sin. His early conduct left little of which to boast.

One of the outstanding events of Jacob's life occurred during his journey to Haran. After plodding through valleys and laboriously climbing hills, he lay down to sleep in the open air with stones arranged for a pillow. The spot was a few miles north of Jerusalem.

That night he had a dream. He had dreamed before, but this one was different. God made a gracious revelation of His presence and gave promises of incalculable worth. A staircase was visible, extending from earth to heaven,

upon which he saw angels ascending and descending.

The design of the vision was to afford comfort, encouragement and confidence to the lonely fugitive, both in his present circumstances and future prospects. His thoughts during the day had been painful. A sense of guilt shrouded his soul. Solitude affords time for reflection.

There are spiritually-minded Christians everywhere who can testify to supernatural experiences, in time of special stress and pressure. While feeling the full weight of some burden, they have become conscious of help from above.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS GENESIS 28:19.

"And he called the name of that place Bethel."

The vision was so intensely real that the traveler awoke with a feeling of awe. He placed one of the stones as a marker, and named it Bethel, meaning "the house of God." His language and conduct became that of a man whose mind was pervaded by sentiments of solemn awe, fervent piety and genuine gratitude.

The setting up of the stone might have been a mere memorial to mark the spot — a practice still common in the East for confirming a pledge, or recording an engagement. But when Jacob poured oil upon it, he performed a ceremonial act signifying deepest consecration.

(3) THE KEY FACT: EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS HIS BETHEL.

God's first appearance to Jacob at Bethel corresponds to New Testament conversion. It required a crisis to induce him to give God his best ... and it requires a crisis, of the dynamic sort, to relate men to Christ.

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In the second great crisis of his life, when he was about to meet Esau upon returning to Canaan, Jacob pled the promises given him at Bethel. In the vicissitudes of life, every Christian needs a Bethel to look back upon, anchor faith and re-orient himself. These memories serve to recall altar vows, in which we remember past spiritual experiences for comparison with the present.

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